

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1299

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A RESOLUTION to commend Doug Overbey for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those noteworthy public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Doug Overbey is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Overbey's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 105th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Doug Overbey has, for many years, been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Blount County, an emerging economic force in the rapidly growing East Tennessee region; he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the good people of the 20<sup>th</sup> House District evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Mr. Overbey by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his four terms and eight years in the House of Representatives, Doug Overbey was prominent in his role as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Overbey was a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as Chairman of the House Health Care Facilities Subcommittee, as Secretary of the Joint Select Committee on Children and Youth, as a member of the House

Rules, Ethics, Health and Human Resources, and the Finance, Ways, and Means Committees, and as a member of the House Budget and Professional Occupations Subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, Doug Overbey dedicated his career away from the General Assembly to the legal profession as an attorney at law; and

WHEREAS, a 1975 recipient of the Rotary International Foundation Scholarship and a 1976 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Carson Newman College, Representative Overbey graduated in 1979 from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he earned recognition as a member of the Order of the Coif and as Graduate of the Year for the Roosevelt Inn of Phi Delta Phi; and

WHEREAS, he nobly accepted the calling of public service in 1982, when he was elected as a Commissioner for the Blount County Board of Commissioners; in 1989, he became the President of the Tennessee County Commissioners Association; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Representative Overbey is a valuable contributor to many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Blount County, the Kiwanis Club of Maryville, and the Maryville College Board of Church Visitors; in addition he stood as a Trustee of the Knoxville Museum of Art and as a Chancellor of The Diocese of East Tennessee and offered his expertise as a member of the Board of Directors of Blount County Children's Advocacy Council, of the Executive Committee of Success by Six of Blount County, and of the Board of Directors of A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Doug Overbey has been honored numerous times for his exceptional leadership abilities; he was hailed as the 2004 Outstanding State Representative by the County Officials Association of Tennessee, as the 2004 Legislative Champion by the Tennessee Association of Retired Persons, and as the 2003 Legislator of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; he also received the Tennessee Silica Justice Coalition's 2006 Award of Appreciation, the Tennessee Physical Therapist Association's 2006 State Legislator Award, the Tennessee Hospital Association's 2004 Community Service Award for Public Service, and the Tennessee Fire Coalition's 2004 Life Safety Award; and

WHEREAS, Representative Overbey is an active and devout member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Doug Overbey is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Representative Doug Overbey is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Representative Doug Overbey for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 20<sup>th</sup> House District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.